**Fulfilling Manifest Destiny: Building the Transcontinental Railroad**

Using the GE tour linked through our wiki, answer the following questions.

Placemark #1: Manifest Destiny

1. In your own words, what is America’s manifest destiny?
2. What type of consequences (good and bad) would fulfilling our manifest destiny mean? (think who all it could impact)

Placemark #2: Pacific Railroad Act

1. When did Congress pass the PRA? What else was going on in our nation at this time?
2. What two companies were contracted to build the TCR? Why do you think there wasn’t a final destination declared?
3. What incentive did the government give the companies to build? (Besides government bonds?)
4. Reading the primary document, what else did the government insist be built at the same time as the railroad? Why do you think this was important?

Placemark #2B: Homestead Act

1. Congress passed the Homestead Act in 1862 also. What was the purpose of this document?
2. What criteria did someone need to meet to be a homesteader?
   1. .
   2. .
   3. .
   4. .

Placemark #3: Union Pacific Railroad

1. Three major obstacles the UP faced were
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attacks
   2. Shortage of workers- Why??
   3. Scarcity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What impact did the TCR have on the economy?
3. Describe the life of railroad workers and who (what groups) worked for the UP

Placemark #4: Central Pacific Railroad

1. Three major obstacles the CP faced were
   1. Building through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why didn’t the CP have any many problems with Native Americans as the UP did?

Placemark #5: Building through the Sierra Nevadas

1. Describe what building a tunnel through the mountains was like.
2. What were 5 threats to workers safety in the mountains?
   1. .
   2. .
   3. .
   4. .
   5. .
3. Why did the price of powder increase? (Think supply and demand)

Placemark #6: Chinese Workers

1. Because of the labor shortage, due to the Civil War and the prospect for gold, the CP hired \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What made building the TCR so much harder than it would be today?
3. Compare the progress the UP could make in one day to that of the CP.

Placemark #7: Chinese Exclusion Act

1. What did the Chinese Exclusion Act state?
2. Why would our nation pass this law? What were we afraid of?
3. This legislation was unique… why?

Placemark #8: Fighting with Native Americans

1. Why did Native Americans attack railroad workers?
2. Explain tactics that white troops would use when raiding Native American villages, like the one in Sand Creek. Are these actions justified, in your opinion?

Placemark #9: Buffalo

1. Many UP workers believed the only way to end conflict with Native Americans was to kill them all. What was the “solution” General Sherman suggested? Why would this work?
2. Define nomadic.
3. Using the link provided, list 5 ways Plains tribes utilized the Buffalo
   1. .
   2. .
   3. .
   4. .
   5. .

Placemark #10: Promontory Summit

1. What happened at Promontory Summit?
2. How long did the railroad take to complete (from the time the government issued the Pacific Railroad Act)?
3. What benefits did the TCR provide to our nation?

Placemark #11: Time Zones

1. Before standard time, what did towns and cities base their time off of? What was this called?
2. Why did standard time become essential by the 1880s? What are the 4 time zones in the US?